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**FORMER DIRECTOR OF POLICE UNION  
SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR  
EMBEZZLING OVER \$95,000**

Madison, Wisconsin -- Stephen P. Sinnott, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Stanley James Kluss, DOB 4/03/1941, of Crandon, Wisconsin, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz to 15 months in prison without parole, to be followed by three years of supervised release, and full restitution for embezzling \$95,048.95 from the Wisconsin Professional Police Association (WPPA). On January 20, 2006, Kluss pleaded guilty to the embezzlement charge.

The WPPA, located in Madison, Wisconsin, is a labor organization representing approximately 11,000 police officers in 400 local entities throughout Wisconsin and part of Michigan. Kluss served as the Executive Director of the WPPA from 1986 through March 2004. He was responsible for the daily operation of the WPPA office in Madison, and acted as its representative in various activities and programs.

Between January 2001 and continuing to in or about March 2004, Kluss embezzled \$95,048.95 from the WPPA, by charging unauthorized personal expenses to

the WPPA credit cards assigned to him, obtaining cash advances on the credit cards, submitting false reimbursement claims for mileage on WPPA vehicles, and receiving unauthorized vacation and pension payments.

In sentencing the defendant, the Honorable John C. Shabaz stated that while the defendant may have worked hard at his job, he clearly set aside honesty while doing so.

The charges against Stanley James Kluss were the result of an investigation conducted by the U. S Department of Labor, Office of Labor Management Standards. Prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Peter M. Jarosz.

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